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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

RE: GEOTECHNICAL REPORT ASSESSING HIGHWAY STABILITY

Dear Mr. Baker:

As requested, Simplot has addressed this letter to update the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining (DOGM) on the status of our geotechnical report assessing highwall stability. We hit a few problems getting this project started, so we're a little behind schedule on our geotechnical drilling and corresponding study/report. One of the issues involved was getting the report stamped by a Utah PE. Without going through all the other issues we wanted to give the DOGM an updated projected schedule.

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| ➤ Obtaining a Utah PE (3-6 months) | - September 22 nd – December 22 nd or March 22 nd |
| ➤ Mob Drilling Equipment on site | - September 24 th |
| ➤ Drill 7 geotechnical holes | - September 25 th – October 9 th |
| ➤ Laboratory Testing | - October 10 th – October 31 st |
| ➤ Geotechnical Analysis | - November 1 st – November 14 th |
| ➤ Geotechnical Report | - November 15 th – November 27 th |

Other than the already long delays in getting a drill rig onsite, The big delay is on the Utah Division of Professional Licensing. They won't commit to how long it will take to gain reciprocity for one of the Call & Nicholas (CNI) principal Engineers. We could have a completed geotechnical report as early as by about mid-December or as late as Mid-March. In either case the geotechnical report should be complete and awaiting the PE's stamp.

We will keep the DOGM informed of any significant changes affecting this updated schedule. Please let us know if you have any questions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (435) 781-3348.

Sincerely,

John Spencer
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